



## History

Balmy Beach Community Day Care Centre is a non-profit, school based child care centre governed by a volunteer parent Board of Directors. Our Centre was established in 1982 by a group of community parents, who saw the need for quality, affordable, non-profit child care within Balmy Beach Community School.

## Mission Statement

Balmy Beach Community Day Care Centre's mission is to provide a safe, positive, encouraging, stimulating and bias-free learning and care environment. Our goal is to fulfill the needs of the individual as well as the group.

## Hours of Operation

We are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday throughout the year, except for statutory holidays.

### CAPACITY AND AGE GROUP

We have a total licensed capacity of 127 children divided into three groups:

Preschool (2.5 to 4 years of age) – full day care

Full Day Kindergarten Before & After School Program (FDK/B&A Program ages 4 to 6 years of age) – before & after school, PA days, school breaks and summer

School Age Before & After Program – (6 to 12 years of age) before school, lunch support, & after school, as well as PA days, school breaks and summer

### FOOD

We employ a trained and experienced full time cook who provides healthy, nutritious and enjoyable meals and snacks for our Preschool group as well as snacks for our FDK/B&A and School Age group.

FDK/B&A and School Age children bring their own lunch (a microwave is available for warming food). A wholesome snack is provided before & after school for FDK/B&A and after school for School Age. Both morning and afternoon snacks are provided on PA days, school breaks and during the summer months.

## Our Staff

Balmy Beach Community Day Care Centre is committed to hiring qualified Registered Early Childhood Education (RECE) professionals with current First Aid/CPR certificates, Food Handler certificates and Police Reference Checks.

Ongoing professional development is required by the College of Early Childhood Educators and is encouraged by the Centre.

As a part of community outreach, our dedicated team of staff mentor student teachers. The students come from local Colleges, Universities and high school co-ops.

### RATIO OF STAFF TO CHILDREN

We provide a ratio of one teacher to eight children (1:8) in the Preschool group; one teacher to 10 children (1:10) in the FDK/B&A group and a ratio of one teacher to 15 (1:15) with additional support staff, in School Age.

## Program

Our program is emergent (child directed/ teacher framed), play based and guided by the Ontario Early Learning Framework (ELF).

## Parental Involvement

Staff, parents and children work closely together, as a team. Open communication is vital in providing effective, high quality child care.

Once a child is enrolled in the Day Care, parents automatically become members of the corporation. As members of the corporation, parents are eligible to run for volunteer positions on the Board of Directors. Parents may also volunteer to be on various committees, to assist staff on field trips, for fundraising events, etc....

### PRESCHOOL TOILET TRAINING

A Preschool child need not be toilet trained to be admitted to Balmy Beach Community Day Care. We believe that such a precondition may place unnecessary stress on the child and parents/guardians.

A gradual training process will follow the child's own cues and readiness signals. Parents/guardians are required to provide disposable diapers for their child.

## Application for the Wait List

Prior to completing an application for the Wait List, parents/guardians are required to visit the Centre with their child(ren). This is an opportunity for the parent(s) and child(ren) to meet the staff and children in the group and to see our approach to Early Childhood Education and care.

We suggest parents/guardians complete the application as soon as possible to increase the chance of obtaining a space. There is a \$25.00 Wait List application fee.

### FEES

Fees are set annually by the Centre's Board of Directors. Fees are due in advance of service on the 1st of each month, or may be divided half on the 1st and half on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please check with the Supervisor for current fees.

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## Admission

Admission is based on a first come/first served basis. When a child is next on the Wait List and a space becomes available, the parent/guardian will be notified by the Supervisor. At that time a meeting will be arranged between the parents/guardians and the Supervisor to finalize details, complete forms and to arrange payment. Siblings of a child already in the Centre have priority.

### PRESCHOOL GRADUAL ADMISSION

Parents/guardians of Preschool children are encouraged to allow their child(ren) gradual admission. This is to provide some time for adjustment before the child(ren) experiences a full day without his/her parents/guardians. A parent/guardian, relative or baby sitter may carry out the gradual admission, as long as the child is comfortable and familiar with the person. The gradual admission usually occurs a week or two prior to full time enrollment